Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana

1064. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts identified for Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana;

(b) the districts identified for first phase of development; and

(c) by when all the undeveloped districts would be covered under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) 132 districts including 32 districts affected by left wing extremism have been identified under the Backward Districts Initiative of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.

(b) 25 districts were identified under the Backward Districts Initiative in the pilot phase during the year 2002-03. First instalment of Rs. 7.50 crore (50 per cent of the annual allocation) for each of the 25 districts has been released. The list of 25 districts is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) In addition to 25 districts, 41 more districts including 16 districts affected by left wing extremism have been covered during the current year. The State Governments concerned have been requested to send the District Plans in respect of these districts to the Planning Commission for approval. The remaining districts will be covered under the programme from the next year.

Statement

List of districts covered under the first phase of the Backward Districts Initiative under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojna

Sl.No.	Name of the State		Name of the District
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.	Adilabad
		2.	Warangal
2.	Chhattisgarh	3.	Bastar
		4.	Dantewada

S.No.	Name of the State		Name of the District
3.	Gujarat	5.	Dangs
4.	Jharkhand	6.	Lohadagga
		7.	Gumla
		8.	Simdega
5.	Karnataka	9.	Gulbarga
6.	Kerala	10.	Palakkad
7.	Madhya Pradesh	11.	Barwani
		12.	Mandla
		13.	West Nimar (Khargone)
8.	Maharashtra	14.	Gadchiroli
		15.	Bhandara
9.	Rajasthan	16.	Banswara
		17.	Dungarpur
10.	Tamil Nadu	18.	Tiruvannamalai
11.	Uttar Pradesh	19.	Sonbhadra
		20.	Rae Bareli
		21.	Unnao
		22.	Sitapur
		23.	Hardoi
12.	West Bengal	24.	Purulia
		25.	Jalpaiguri

Persons Below Poverty Line

†1065. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the yard-stick to assess a person or family living below the poverty line;

(b) whether such an assessment is made every year;

(c) whether the number of persons living below the poverty line is increasing or decreasing annually; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.